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**Advisory Action
Before the Filing of an Appeal Brief**

Application No.

10/660,141

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Anthony S. Addy

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THE REPLY FILED 20 November 2007 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE.

1. ☒ The reply was filed after a final rejection, but prior to or on the same day as filing a Notice of Appeal. To avoid abandonment of this application, applicant must timely file one of the following replies: (1) an amendment, affidavit, or other evidence, which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee) in compliance with 37 CFR 41.31; or (3) a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114. The reply must be filed within one of the following time periods:

- a) ☐ The period for reply expires _____ months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
b) ☒ The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.

Examiner Note: If box 1 is checked, check either box (a) or (b). ONLY CHECK BOX (b) WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

NOTICE OF APPEAL

2. ☐ The Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. A brief in compliance with 37 CFR 41.37 must be filed within two months of the date of filing the Notice of Appeal (37 CFR 41.37(a)), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 41.37(e)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal. Since a Notice of Appeal has been filed, any reply must be filed within the time period set forth in 37 CFR 41.37(a).

AMENDMENTS

3. ☐ The proposed amendment(s) filed after a final rejection, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because
(a) ☐ They raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
(b) ☐ They raise the issue of new matter (see NOTE below);
(c) ☐ They are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
(d) ☐ They present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: _____. (See 37 CFR 1.116 and 41.33(a)).

4. ☐ The amendments are not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121. See attached Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (PTOL-324).
5. ☐ Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.
6. ☐ Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
7. ☒ For purposes of appeal, the request for reconsideration proposed amendment(s): a) ☐ will not be entered, or b) ☒ will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.

The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:

Claim(s) allowed: _____.

Claim(s) objected to: _____.

Claim(s) rejected: 1-9.


Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: _____.

AFFIDAVIT OR OTHER EVIDENCE

8. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence filed after a final action, but before or on the date of filing a Notice of Appeal will not be entered because applicant failed to provide a showing of good and sufficient reasons why the affidavit or other evidence is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 1.116(e).
9. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence filed after the date of filing a Notice of Appeal, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because the affidavit or other evidence failed to overcome all rejections under appeal and/or appellant fails to provide a showing of good and sufficient reasons why it is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 41.33(d)(1).
10. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence is entered. An explanation of the status of the claims after entry is below or attached.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION/OTHER

11. ☒ The request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because:
See Continuation Sheet.
12. ☐ Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s). (PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s). _____
13. ☐ Other: _____.


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ADVISORY ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed on 20 November, 2007 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

In response to applicant's argument that, "Nowhere does Meier show or suggest a network comprising only one access point device other than the bridge device, adapted to manage the centralized wireless network (see page 2, second paragraph)," because the examiner has failed to take into consideration access points 431,433 and 435, examiner respectfully disagrees and maintains that Meier teaches and meets the limitations as claimed. Examiner reiterates that Meier teaches a bridge device (WDAP_s 441) for connecting a centralized wireless network (OWL radio network 421) to a plurality of other networks (*subnets 401 and 403*) (see col. 10, lines 17-30, col. 20, lines 28-34, col. 24, lines 29-41, col. 25, lines 8-10 and Fig. 9; shows a wireless domain access point (WDAP_s 441) [i.e. reads on a bridge device for connecting a centralized wireless network 421 to a plurality of other wired networks 401 & 403]), said centralized wireless network comprising: only one an access point device (WDAP_p 425), other than the bridge device, adapted to manage the centralized wireless network and to associate with a wireless device to allow said wireless device to be a member of the centralized wireless network and to allow said wireless device to communicate with other members of the centralized wireless network (see col. 24, line 31 through col. 26, line 25 and Fig. 9; shows a centralized wireless network 421 comprising a primary wireless domain access point (WDAP_p 425)). Examiner agrees with applicant's remarks that Meier

shows access points WMAP 431,433 and 435 in OWL radio network 421, but reiterates that access points WMAP 431,433 and 435 **are not adapted to manage** the centralized wireless network, since Meier clearly teaches the primary wireless domain access point (WDAP_P 425) is the **root node** of the OWL radio network 421 (see col. 10, lines 10-15, and col. 25, lines 38-40), hence the OWL radio network 421 has **only one** access point device (*i.e. primary wireless domain access point (WDAP_P 425)*) other than the bridge device (*i.e. WDAP_S 441*), **adapted to manage** the centralized wireless network (*i.e. OWL radio network 421*), hence the rejections using Meier are proper and maintained.